



INFORMATION UPDATE FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS

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Seattle Water Supply Indicators

November, 2007

Water Storage	
Reservoir Inflows	
Snowpack	NA
Customer Use	
Overall	
Good Fair Poor	

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in late November. The number of samples with chlorine less than 0.2 mg/L was 23 in October (out of 804 samples).

Taste and Odor

The taste and odor panel is still meeting weekly. Samples are rated on a scale from 1 to 9, with 1 representing the best and 9 representing the worst. The taste and odor flavor rating assessment (FRA) for the Cedar supply (Lake Youngs treated) sample in October was 1.8. The Tolt supply result was 2.0. If you would like to receive a bi-weekly update of the taste and odor panel results, please e-mail Moya Joubert at moya.joubert@seattle.gov.

Lead and Copper Results

For the Tolt purveyors, Bellevue, and Seattle, the lead and copper samples have all been analyzed. Reports will be developed in October and mailed to the districts. Preliminary analysis of the data indicates that all of the sub-regions will again meet the action levels for lead and copper. Bellevue and the Tolt purveyors will sample again in summer 2008.

Total Coliform Rule

If you would like to receive a copy of the handout (as a PDF) from the AWWA webcast "Total Coliform Rule Revisited" that was broadcast on November 14, please contact Lynn Kirby. You can also view the presentation (with sound) from AWWA's web site.

SPU CONTACT: Wylie Harper, 206 684-7880 or
Lynn Kirby, 206 684-0216



Water Quality Technical Forum Report

Chlorine Residual and Coliform Data

There were no positive coliform samples from the purveyor area during October 2007. Average chlorine residual concentrations in the purveyor distribution systems ranged from 0.64 to 1.3 mg/L, with an overall average of 0.93 mg/L. The chlorine residual target at the Tolt Treatment Facility is now at 1.5 mg/L, while the Cedar Water Treatment Facility chlorine target is 1.6 mg/L. The Cedar target will likely be lowered to 1.5 mg/L.



Conservation Technical Forum

On the web at <http://www.savingwater.org>

YOUTH EDUCATION

Shared Waters Activity Books Available

A supply of "Shared Waters" youth education activity books, suitable for kids age 5-12, is available for SWP utilities. The cost is paid by the regional program. Please contact Mialee Jose if you would like some of these books for use in schools in your area. Utilities that placed an order for these books in September should have received their order by now. If not, please contact Mialee Jose.

CONTACT: Mialee Jose, (206) 615-1452

RESIDENTIAL INDOOR

Showerhead Program Comes to a Close

October 31 was the last day for customers to send in their request card for a free efficient showerhead, offered by regional utility partners. With 100,000 utility customers installing free efficient showerheads and aerators, the region stands to save about 500,000 gallons of water a day or 182 million gallons of water a year. Looking at the accomplishments of the program, the SWP achieved substantial savings of water and energy, and also of great importance, created a good partnership with our counterparts in the energy field. The SWP can build on this relationship for future programs. If you have customers that would like to participate in the program, please advise them it's not too late. Those customers can simply call the hotline number (206) 838-5392 and request a showerhead until December 31, 2007. Please do not publish the December date. The extension is just to cover customers who call still wanting a showerhead or aerator.

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WaterSense Toilet Promotion Continues through Targeted Events

Along with the Partnership's recent TV campaign promoting WaterSense-labeled toilets and the month-long in-store promotion of WaterSense toilets, three events will occur in the coming weeks to introduce some of the new HET toilets on the WaterSense list:

- A regional media event, similar to the "Flush-Off" SPU hosted a few years ago;
- A discussion with area plumbers to gather insight and advice from their perspectives;
- The new toilets will be on display at the upcoming Trends Show on December 11, 2007 at the Convention Center in Seattle. At all three events, attendees will be able to test-flush a number of WaterSense models.

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RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE

Spring Garden Fair Expands in 2008

The Spring Garden Fair was first started by the Woodinville Water District and has grown to include City of Bothell, Northshore Utility District and SPU. Nearly 800 people attended the all-day fair this past spring. Starting in 2008, the Fair will expand to include the Cascade Water Alliance (CWA) partners and will move to Redmond City Hall. With the date already set for Saturday, April 26, 2008, the organizing partners are securing speakers, vendors and other complementary activities now. If your utility is interested in assisting in planning or promotion, please contact Woodinville Water District.

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Irrigation Contractor Training and Vendor Fair Happening Nov. 26-30, 2007

SWP and the Washington Irrigation Contractors Association (WICA) will hold a series of irrigation



training opportunities from November 26-30 at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Since 70 percent of our highest water users have automatic irrigation systems and

35 percent hire professionals to maintain their systems, working with contractors is an important component of the Water Efficient Irrigation Program. The event will include an irrigation vendor fair with all products that qualify for SWP rebates, a series of "smart" controller technical trainings for all evapotranspiration (ET) based and soil moisture-type controllers, and the standard Installation and Maintenance, and Scheduling trainings (one Scheduling class will be in Spanish) offered by the SWP at least once or twice a year.

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COMMERCIAL WATER CONSERVATION New Brochure for Businesses

A brand new brochure specifically produced to promote water conservation programs for businesses is now ready for distribution. The

brochure is designed as a self-mailer, or can also be mailed flat in an envelope with a cover letter. Prepared by the Resource Venture with support from the Saving Water Partnership, this brochure is the first marketing piece for the commercial sector in several years. If you would like a quantity of these brochures to distribute to your commercial customers, please contact Mialee Jose. Saving Water Partnership members are encouraged to mail or distribute this new material to their commercial customers. If you would like assistance with conducting a mailing or other type of outreach to businesses, please call Ruth Bell of the Resource Venture at (206) 343-9759 x103. (See Update on Resource Venture, below, for more information).

CONTACT: Phil Paschke, (206) 684-5883; to request copies contact Mialee Jose, (206) 615-1452

Resource Venture Available to Visit SWP Businesses

The Resource Venture is a consultant who is contracted with the SWP to undertake outreach and facilitate commercial customer participation in water conservation projects in the SWP service area. If you would like assistance contacting businesses in your service area, call Ruth Bell of the Resource Venture at (206) 343-9759 x103 and discuss your ideas with her.

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